Wellston Industrial Park

6600 Ridge Avenue, Wellston

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

BACKGROUND

This 12-acre site was formerly occupied by ABEX Corporation. ABEX operated a secondary steel foundry on this site from 1923 until 1982. Secured Housing expressed desire to clean up the site and build a privately owned prison, but were unable to secure the necessary permits for construction. St. Louis County Economic Council bought the site from Secured Housing for \$425,000.





CONTAMINANTS

Cadmium, chromium and lead were found in the soil and groundwater. Asbestos was present in the buildings on the site.



ASSISTANCE

St. Louis County Economic Council received \$275,000 in gap funding from Ameren Community Development Corporation. In addition, \$1,945,200 in Brownfields State Tax Credits were issued.

PROTECTION

127 tons of contaminated soil were disposed of offsite. 6,485 tons of asbestos contaminated debris was removed and disposed of offsite. 1,380 gallons of contaminated water and sediment were removed as well. A minimum of two feet of clay compacted soil was overlaid as an engineered surface barrier. Additionally, this area is restricted to commercial use only.

INVESTMENT AND RESULTS

Total investment has been \$10,600,000. 105 jobs are estimated to be created.

TIMELINE

Application Received: 24 October 1997 RAP Approved: 14 April 2004 Remediation Started: 23 June 2004 Completion Certificate: 17 February 2005

REDEVELOPMENT SUMMARY

This is Phase II of a plan by St. Louis County Economic Council to revitalize this area located between Page Avenue and Dr. Martin Luther King Drive. Phase I is the adjacent 15-acre Cornerstone Industrial Park. Wellston Industrial Park will be broken up into two- to five-acre parcels for light industrial use.





